

Art Unit: 2186

- Claim 14, line 1: [✓]replace the word "communicably" with --directly--.
- Claim 17, line ²~~1~~: [✓]replace the word "communicably" with --directly--.
- Claim 18, line ²~~1~~: [✓]replace the word "communicably" with --directly--.
- Claim 19, line ²~~1~~: [✓]replace the word "communicably" with --directly--.
- Claim 20, line ²~~1~~: [✓]replace the word "communicably" with --directly--.
- [✓]Replace the current title with the following title:

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"DISK ARRAY APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR AVOIDING DATA
CORRUPTION BY SIMUTANEOUS ACCESS BY LOCAL AND REMOTE
HOST DEVICE"

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

7. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior arts of record do not teach nor suggest, either alone or in combination, all the limitations of the independent claims of the current invention (claims 1, 8, 11, 14 and 17-20); particularly a method and a disk array apparatus comprising a logical unit formation section for forming a plurality of logical units from the storage region that is incapable of establishing the direct connection with the host computer; a check section for checking a validity of an instruction coming from the first host computer for forming a pair between the logical unit formed from the storage region of the disk array apparatus and the logical unit formed from the storage region of the another disk array apparatus; and a pair formation section for forming the pair if instruction determined to be valid, as recited in claims 1, 8, 11, 14 and 17-20.